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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL WHEAT COUNCIL VICE CHAIRMANSHIP

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1. DURING IWC PREP GROUP TECHNICAL MEETING, SOVIET DEL, AS WELL AS AUSTRALIAN AND IWC SECRETARIAT, APPROACHED US DEL ASKING CURRENT US POSITION ON NOMINATIONS OF SOVIET AND EC CANDIDATES FOR IWC VICE CHAIRMANSHIP. WE REPLIED THAT US CONTINUES TO SUPPORT SOVIET CANDIDATE POLEZHAEV, THOUGH WE COULD ALSO ACCEPT COMPROMISE SWEDISH CANDIDATE AS WAS SUGGESTED IN JULY. IWC EXECUTIVE SECRETARY PAROTTE SAID HE BELIEVES THAT USSR WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT VICE CHAIRMANSHIP HAD REQUIRED CONSIDERABLE LOBBYING WITHIN SOVIET BUREAUCRACY AND DECISION AT HIGH POLICY LEVEL. HE THOUGHT DENIAL OF POLEZHAEV CANDIDACY WOULD CAUSE SERIOUS DISAPPOINTMENT. PAROTTE SAID HE WOULD BE MEETING WITH POLEZHAEV WITHIN NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS AND WOULD EXPLORE SOVIET POSITION FURTHER.

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2. EC ALTERNATE REP EATON TOLD US THAT COMMUNITY RECOGNIZES THAT IT HANDLED NOMINATION OF FRENCH REP POORLY BUT EC POSITION IS UNCHANGED. HE SAID IT IS TURN FOR EC COUNTRY TO BE APPOINTED TO IWC EXECUTIVE POST AND REITERATED EC OPPOSITION TO SOVIET CANDIDACY BECAUSE OF SUSPICION THAT SOVIETS WOULD ATTEMPT TO USE POSITION TO FURTHER THEIR POLICY TO DENY EC RECOGNITION. EATON SAID RABOT HAD PLANNED TO TAKE UP ISSUE WITH SECRETARY BUTZ AND ASST. SEC. GELL BUT HAD NOT YET DONE SO. HE SUGGESTED THAT EC MAY BE WILLING TO DROP FRENCHMAN AND SUBSTITUTE CANDIDATE FROM ANOTHER COMMUNITY COUNTRY AS A SUBSTITUTE. ARMSTRONG

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